

Other Comments:

I understand that piracy is a concern for the content producers, however I do not believe it should be the responsibility of government to protect the content producers' current business model, especially if it comes at the cost of reducing consumers' rights. Time and time again the businesses of this country have proven their ability to overcome obstacles through innovation and adaptation, to the great benefit of the public. We should not stifle innovation through misguided, albeit well-intended, policies. The broadcast flag will limit the development of new technologies and equipment that would provide consumers with newer and better options, it would most likely increase the price of current products, and it would interfere with consumers' fair-use rights. I am sure the intent of the flag is to do none of these things, but I feel they would be the inevitable results. Therefore, I believe the proposal for a broadcast flag should be rejected.